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September 7, 2007

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Honorable Naomi Reice Buchwald
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street, Rm. 2270
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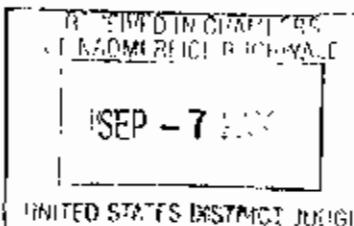
      Re: United States v. Manuel Soriano-Martinez et al.,
             S7 07 Cr. 308 (NRB)

Dear Judge Buchwald:

      An arraignment and pre-trial conference were scheduled in the above-referenced case for September 5, 2007. After speaking with Your Honor's law clerk on September 4, 2007, the arraignment of all nine defendants on the S7 07 Cr. 308 (NRB) Indictment was referred to Magistrate Court, and the pre-trial conference before Your Honor was adjourned to September 21, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. The arraignment in Magistrate Court is scheduled for September 10, 2007, at 10:30 a.m.

      The Government respectfully requests that time be excluded from today until September 21, 2007 under the Speedy Trial Act pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A) to permit the Government to gather and produce discovery and because the ends of justice outweigh the defendant's and the public's interest in a speedy trial. I have spoken to defense counsel for all nine

So ordered.

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defendants, and each has indicated that there is no objection to
this request.

                                    Respectfully submitted,

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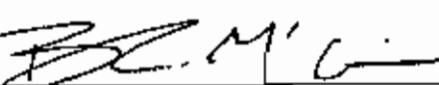
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